

ABSTRACT

In January, 1987, an architectural survey and assessment was conducted along that portion of State Route 896 lying between Summit Bridge and State Route 4 in Pencader Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware. The work was undertaken by the Cultural Resource Group of Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. for the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The purpose of the survey was to provide information for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (BAHP). A program of documentary research and field investigation was employed to inventory eleven properties on Route 896 ranging in date from the late 18th to early 20th centuries, most of which were once associated with agricultural activities. Of these properties, six have been evaluated as meeting the standards of integrity and architectural importance necessary for eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. Properties on Route 896 that have been previously listed in the National Register are the Aikens Tavern Historic District and the New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad right-of-way.